

Amendment to Specification:

Page 5, line 18 through Page 7, line 22:

Referring to Figure 1, an article suspension device 11 has a suspension member 21 forming a continuous encircling loop 13 at a first end 25 and an adjustable loop 31 secured at the opposite end 27. The suspension member 21 includes a length of cord or elastic 19 that is adapted to extend over the edge of a highchair 49 or stroller. The encircling loop 13 may be formed of a length of cotton material but may also be formed of nylon webbing or any other type of material capable of being fastened or releasably secured together. A circular loop is formed by permanently securing, releasably fastening, buttoning or otherwise attaching a free end portion 12 to a base portion 17. An alternate embodiment of a releasable handle as shown in Figure 2 ~~include~~ includes fastener 15 and may include a snap fastener, VELCRO®, a button or any other type of releasable fastening. The encircling loop 13 may also include an eyelet opening member 14 which allows for attachment of a suction device 16 as shown in Figure 2. Alternative fastening means, such as a suction device 16 may be utilized for securing the suspension device to a highchair, stroller or table top. For example, as shown in Figure 2, end portion 25 may be attached to a plastic suction cup 16 which is capable of adhering to most surfaces through the use of suction. A carabiner 9 or similar type of encircling connector could also be substituted or attached to the encircling loop 13 , as shown in Figure 2.

The adjustable loop 31 is formed by placing a free end 26 of the cord 19 through the receiving openings 35 and 39, forming a loop and then placing the free end 26 of the cord 19 through

The base portion 17 is attached to the suspension member 21 which includes a length of cord or elastic 19 which can be covered with a cotton fabric ~~covering~~ cover 18 or waterproof fabric to provide for easy cleaning of the device. The covering 18 also prevents or limits the cord 19 from stretching beyond a certain desired point or predetermined length if heavier objects are attached to the adjustable loop 31. Attached at end 27 is an adjustable loop 31 which is formed as a continuation of the cord 19. The adjustable loop 31 is inserted through an adjustable clamping device 23 which has a body member 33 as shown in Figure 3 having dual material-receiving openings 35, 35' extending along a parallel axis with one another on opposite sides of ~~a~~ the clamping ~~member 37~~ device 23. Each pair of aligned openings 35, 35' are designed to receive a length of the cord 19 for adjusting the circumference of the adjustable loop 31, and the adjustable clamping device 23 has a slidable gate 38 normally urged to a closed position by a spring member 41 in a slot 42 within the clamping device 23 as illustrated in Figures 3, 4A and 4B. The gate 38 has opening 39 normally offset from the openings 35, 35' in the open position to engage a length of the cord 19. By manually depressing the gate 38, the opening 39 moves into alignment with the openings 35, 35' thereby allowing for free passage of the cord 19.